

**Remarks/Arguments:**

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2007.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-18, 20-22, 24-35, 37-39, 41-51, 53-54 and 56-66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Geary (Graphic JAVA2 Mastering the JFC).

Claims 3, 23, 40 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Geary, in view of Haeffel (Enterprise Java Beans, Copyright 1999, 2000 by O'Reilly & Associates).

Claims 6, 19, 36 and 55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Geary, in view of Schildt (Java 2, the Complete Reference).

Claims 1, 18, 34 and 50 have been amended.

The new features added to these claims distinguish Geary and the other cited prior references.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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